

most commonly in our own garden and only sparsely in the woods around Southampton. The last one I saw flew in the garden only a few days before the birth of our third son on October 18th.

A final expedition was on December 27th, when I found a dozen *Thecla quercus* ova on three oaks in a West Sussex locality. 1976 started with a similar project in Alice Holt—but 1976 is another season, and one that I, ever optimistic, believe to be full of entomological promise.

Indian Cotton Jassid—*Amrasca biguttula biguttula* (Ishida)

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Distant (1918) described *Empoasca devastans* collected from American cotton at Nagpur. Ghauri (1967) transferred it to the genus, *Amrasca* Ghauri as *Amrasca devastans* (Distant). However, Dworakowska (1970) described a new genus, *Sundapteryx* taking *Chlorita biguttula* Ishida, 1913 as its type species and synonymised *Empoasca devastans* Distant with it. She named it as *Sundapteryx biguttula biguttula* (Ishida). Later, Kapoor and Sohi (1972) renamed it as *Amrasca biguttula biguttula* (Ishida). But Chopra (1973) advocated that the name should be *Sundapteryx biguttula biguttula* (Ishida) since the genus *Sundapteryx* Dworakowska was not synonymised with *Amrasca* Ghauri by Kapoor and Sohi (1972). However, the genus *Amrasca* has priority over the *Sundapteryx* Dworakowska and the species *biguttula* Ishida over *devastans* Distant. This synonymy has also been realised by Dworakowska (Personal communication from Dr. Ghauri). So, the earlier proposed name *Amrasca biguttula biguttula* (Ishida) should be preferred.

Amrasca Ghauri

Amrasca Ghauri, 1967, *Proc. R. ent. Soc. Lond. (B)*, **36** 11-12: 159-61. *Sundapteryx* Dworakowska, 1970, *Bull. Acad. pol. Sci. Cl. II. Ser. Sci. biol.*, **18** (11): 708-12. Syn. n.

Amrasca biguttula biguttula (Ishida)

Chlorita biguttula Ishida, 1913: Dworakowska, 1970. *Bull. Acad. pol. Sci. Cl. II. Ser. Sci. biol.*, **18** (11): 708. *Empoasca devastans* Distant, 1918, *Fauna Br. India*, **7**: 93. *Amrasca devastans* (Distant) Ghauri, 1967. *Proc. R. ent. Soc. Lond. (B)*, **36** (11-12): 163. *Sundapteryx biguttula biguttula* (Ishida) Dworakowska, 1970. *Bull. Acad. pol. Sci. Cl. II. Ser. Sci. biol.*, **18** (11): 712. *Amrasca biguttula biguttula* (Ishida); Kapoor & Sohi, 1972, *Entomologist's Rec. J. Var.*, **84**: 51.

This species was collected from Haryana, Jamu and Kashmir, Punjab and Rajasthan from a number of plant species, viz. American cotton, Bengal-gram, brinjal, carrot, castor, coriander, Deccan-hemp, indigenous cotton, Egyptian clover, drumstick-tree, garden-pea, grape-vine, guava, Indian cherry,

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Indian colza, jute, maize, marigold, mulberry, okra, pearl-millet, *phalsa* (*Grewia asiatica* Linn.), potato, raddish, red-pepper, rocket-salad, salix, sesame, spinach, sunflower, sugar-beet, table-beet and tomato.

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Current Literature

The Moths and Butterflies of Great Britain and Ireland, Volume 1. Micropterigidae-Heliozelidae. Editor: **John Heath**. Assistant editors: **A. M. Emmet, D. S. Fletcher, E. C. Pelham-Clinton** and **W. G. Tremewan**. Artists: **Brian Hargreaves** and **Maureen Lane**. 345 pp. 85 b. & w. illus. and text figs., 152 distribution maps, 13 plates (incl. four coloured). Blackwell Scientific Publications and the Curwen Press, 1976. £17.50.

This is the first of a projected series of 11 volumes intended to cover the whole of the British lepidoptera, and according to the prospectus "publication of the entire work should be completed by 1982". The volume is divided into two main sections, the first of which contains a series of chapters on certain topics concerning the British lepidoptera generally. These are: Morphology (by J. Heath); Parasites (by M. R. Shaw and R. R. Askew); Diseases (by C. F. Rivers); Pest Species (by C. R. Baker); Habitats (by J. Heath); Conservation and the Collector (by M. G. Morris); Techniques (by J. Reid); and Bibliography of County Lists (Anon.). The second part or systematic section treats of the Micropterigidae, Eriocraniidae and Hepialidae (by J. Heath); Nepticulidae (by A. M. Emmet); Incurvariidae (by J. Heath and E. C. Pelham-Clinton); and finally, Heliozelidae (by A. M. Emmet). The volume concludes with two indices: one, a general index; the other, an index of host plants.

The first section is well presented, interesting and instructive, and its diversity adds much to the scope of the volume. A few points occur to us. For instance, the chapter on habitats includes *Agrotis ripae* (Hübner) as a "Notable Breckland Species" (see p. 101). Is this really true? We were unaware that *ripae* had ever been found in the Breck. In that on